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Thank You to all the producers who participated in our recent surveys. The results you requested are in this issue.

HAY PRICES DROP

The ***Index of Prices Received*** by farmers and ranchers in **Wyoming** for agricultural commodities sold during April was 100 percent of the 1990-1992 base. The index was down 4 points (4 percent) from last month and 7 points (7 percent) lower than April 2001. The All Crops Index was down 4 points (3 percent) from last month but was 10 points (9 percent) higher than April 2001. Prices for dry beans were higher than last month, but corn, oats, all wheat, alfalfa hay, and other hay were all lower. The All Livestock Index was down 5 points (5 percent) from last month and 12 points (11 percent) lower than last year. Prices for cows, steers and heifers, calves, lambs, and sheep were all lower than last month. The seasonal changes in the mix of commodities farmers sell also affect the overall indexes.

The ***Index of Prices Received for Livestock***, at 95, was down 5 points from March and 12 points lower than April 2001. Sheep prices, at $28.00 per hundredweight, were $3.60 lower than last month and $11.70 lower than last year. Lamb prices averaged $64.00 per hundredweight, $4.90 lower than last month and $41.00 lower than April 2001. Steer and heifer prices, at $78.00 were down $3.30 from March and $7.30 lower than last year. Cow prices, at $42.00 per hundredweight, were down $2.00 from last month and were $2.20 lower than last April. Calf prices averaged $104.00 per hundredweight, down $1.00 from last month and $2.00 lower than last year.

The ***Index of Prices Received for Crops***, at 117, was down 4 points from last month but was 10 points higher than last year. The alfalfa hay price was down $10.00 from last month to $104.00 per ton but was still $1.00 higher than last April. Other hay prices averaged $98.00 per ton, also down $10.00 from March and unchanged from last year. The average corn price, at $2.00 per bushel, was down 4 cents from last month and was 15 cents lower than April 2001. Oats averaged $1.65 per bushel, down 5 cents from March but 7 cents higher than last year. Wheat, at $2.71 per bushel, was down 3 cents from last month and 16 cents lower than April 2001. Dry beans averaged $28.00 per hundredweight, up 50 cents from March and $12.70 higher than last year.

UNITED STATES: The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in April was 95, based on 1990-92=100, down 10 points (10 percent) from the revised March index. Declining lettuce prices along with decreases for hogs, eggs, and cattle, more than offset increased prices for onions, hay, apples, and potatoes. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell often affects the overall index. Higher marketings for cattle, strawberries, milk, and oranges more than offset decreased marketings of soybeans, corn, wheat, and cotton.

Compared with April last year, the All Farm Products Index was down 11 points (10.4 percent). Lower prices for broilers, milk, hogs, and cattle more than offset higher prices for potatoes, tomatoes, apples, and carrots.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS AND RANCHERS, APRIL 2001, MARCH 2002, AND APRIL 15, 2002
U.S. PRICES AS PERCENT OF PARITY

COMMODITY	UNIT	WYOMING			UNITED STATES			
		APR 2001	MAR 2002	APR 15 2002	APR 2001	MAR 2002	APR 15 2002	% OF PARITY
		Dollars			Dollars			Percent
LIVESTOCK AND PRODUCTS								
Cows	100#	44.20	44.00	42.00	43.30	41.60	40.50	—
Steers & Heifers	100#	85.30	81.30	78.00	79.60	74.30	71.20	—
Calves	100#	106.00	105.00	104.00	112.00	104.00	102.00	49
Sheep	100#	39.70	31.60	28.00	36.90	34.40	1/	—
Lambs	100#	105.00	68.90	64.00	84.30	66.30	1/	—
CROPS								
Corn	Bu.	2.15	2.04	2.00	1.89	1.94	1.86	29
Oats	Bu.	1.58	1.70	1.65	1.28	1.99	1.90	48
Feed Barley	Bu.	1.86			1.73	1.75	1.75	—
All Wheat	Bu.	2.87	2.74	2.71	2.86	2.87	2.80	29
Dry Beans	100#	15.30	27.50	28.00	15.60	26.60	26.90	56
Alfalfa Hay (Baled)	Ton	103.00	114.00	104.00	105.00	98.80	106.00	—
Other Hay (Baled)	Ton	98.00	108.00	98.00	75.60	73.00	78.70	—

1/Mid-month prices discontinued January 1996.
NOTE: Entire month price is a revision of previous mid-month price except for hay which is always a mid-month price.

INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS & RANCHERS, WYOMING & U.S.

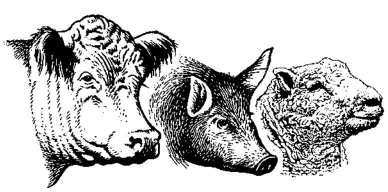
1990-92 = 100	WYOMING			UNITED STATES		
	APR 2001	MAR 2002	APR 15 2002	APR 2001	MAR 2002	APR 15 2002
All Commodities	107	104	100	106	105	95
All Crops	107	121	117	103	117	100
All Livestock and Products	107	100	95	109	95	90

CATTLE CASH RECEIPTS UP 5 PERCENT

Wyoming stock growers received $812.7 million in cash receipts from cattle, sheep, and hog sales during 2001, up 5 percent from the previous year's $777.1 million. **Cattle and calf** marketing receipts, at $757.2 million, accounted for 93 percent of the total receipts. Cattle receipts were up 5 percent from 2000. Slightly lower average prices were more than offset by a 6 percent increase in total pounds marketed pushing cash receipts upward. The 2001 calf crop was one percent larger than in 2000 and the year-end inventory of cattle was 5 percent smaller than a year earlier. Dry conditions forced the sale of some cattle in 2001. The average price for cattle marketed was down $0.30 per hundredweight (cwt.) to $81.20, and calf prices decreased $2.00 to $105.00 per cwt.

Hog and pig sales in 2001 totaled $32.4 million, up 16 percent from 2000 and a new record high. The increase from 2000 was due to a 7 percent increase in marketings and a $2.60 increase in the average price from $41.00 per cwt. in 2000 to $43.60 in 2001. The 2001 pig crop was 11 percent larger than in 2000.

Cash receipts for **sheep and lambs** marketed in 2001 totaled $23.1 million, down 16 percent from 2000. The quantity marketed declined 6 percent. The average price for lambs marketed was down $11.90 per cwt. to $70.80, and sheep prices declined $1.70 to $30.00 per cwt. Inventory of sheep and lambs in the State declined 9 percent in 2001.



UNITED STATES: The 2001 gross income from cattle and calves, hogs and pigs, and sheep and lambs for the U.S. totaled $53.7 billion, up 1 percent from 2000. Gross income rose 6 percent for hogs and pigs, but fell 1 percent for cattle and calves and fell 15 percent for sheep and lambs.

Total 2001 cash receipts from marketings of meat animals increased 1 percent to $53.3 billion. Cattle and calves accounted for 76 percent of this total, hogs and pigs 23 percent, and sheep and lambs 1 percent. Production increased for hogs and pigs, but decreased for both cattle and calves and sheep and lambs. Average prices were up from 2000 levels for cattle and calves, hogs and pigs, and sheep while lambs showed a decrease.

Cash receipts from marketings of **cattle and calves** decreased from $40.7 billion in 2000 to $40.4 in 2001, a 1 percent decrease. All cattle and calf marketings totaled 55.3 billion pounds in 2001, down 4 percent from 2000. The U.S. annual average price per 100 pounds live weight for cattle was $71.30 an increase of $2.70 from 2000. For calves, the annual average price increased $2.00 to $106.00.

Cash receipts from **hogs and pigs** totaled $12.5 billion during 2001, up 6 percent from 2000. Marketings increased to 26.9 billion pounds in 2001, up 1 percent from 2000. The U.S. annual average price per 100 pounds live weight increased $2.00 to $44.30 in 2001.

Cash receipts from marketings of **sheep and lambs** in 2001 were $398 million, down 15 percent from 2000. Marketings declined 1 percent to 641 million pounds. The U.S. annual average price per 100 pounds live weight for sheep increased from $34.30 in 2000 to $34.60 in 2001 while for lambs, the annual average price decreased $12.90 to $66.90.

MEAT ANIMALS: PRODUCTION, DISPOSITION AND INCOME, WYOMING 2000-01

Year	Production 1/	Marketings 2/	Average Price per 100 lbs.		Value of Production	Cash Receipts 3/	Gross Income 3/
	1,000 Pounds		Dollars		1,000 Dollars		
Cattle and Calves			(Cattle)	(Calves)			
2000	589,237	856,650	81.50	107.00	497,851	721,694	728,285
2001	652,685	904,550	81.20	105.00	545,147	757,212	763,737
Sheep and Lambs			(Sheep)	(Lambs)			
2000	33,767	41,467	31.70	82.70	23,479	27,359	27,566
2001	33,840	39,129	30.00	70.80	20,471	23,072	23,257
Hogs and Pigs							
2000	67,620	69,495	41.00		26,451	28,034	28,499
2001	70,444	74,375	43.60		29,981	32,428	32,927
Total Meat Animals							
2000	690,624	967,612	—	—	547,781	777,087	784,350
2001	756,969	1,018,054	—	—	595,599	812,721	819,921

1/ Adjustments made for changes in inventory and for inshipments.
2/ Excludes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and interfarm sales within the State.
3/ Receipts from marketings and sales of farm slaughter. Gross income includes value of home consumption.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP SLIGHTLY

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.58 million head on April 1, 2002. Inventory was almost one-half percent above April 1, 2001 and 3 percent above April 1, 2000.

Placements in March totaled 1.95 million, 6 percent above 2001 but 4 percent below 2000. Placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 314,000, 600-699 pounds were 372,000, 700-799 pounds were 702,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 565,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.83 million, 5 percent below 2001 and 11 percent below 2000.

Cattle on feed April 1, 2002, in the historic 7 monthly States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.93 million, up 1 percent from the previous year and 4 percent above April 1, 2000.

CATTLE ON FEED: 1000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS, SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES, APR 1, 2001-2002 1/

State	On Feed Mar 1, 2002	Place-ments Mar 2002	Market-ings Mar 2002	Other Disapp. Mar 2002	On Feed Apr 1, 2002	On Feed Apr 1, 2001
	Thousand Head					
CO	1,150	200	215	15	1,120	1,190
KS	2,420	435	420	15	2,420	2,460
NE	2,300	310	300	10	2,300	2,350
TX	2,850	560	495	15	2,900	2,730
Oth Sts.	2,798	448	395	14	2,837	2,793
U.S.	11,518	1,953	1,825	69	11,577	11,523

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

U.S. RED MEAT PRODUCTION BELOW LAST YEAR

Commercial red meat production in *Wyoming* during March 2002 totaled 400,000 pounds. This is down 6 percent from February 2002 and up 37 percent from March 2001. Commercial red meat production excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

Six hundred ***cattle*** were slaughtered, up 200 head from March 2001. Total liveweight was 628,000 pounds, up 52 percent from March 2001. Average liveweight of cattle slaughtered was 1,134 pounds, 3 pounds lighter than last year.

Three hundred ***hogs*** and ***pigs*** were processed, unchanged from a year ago. Total liveweight, at 68,000 pounds, was down 23 percent from last year. Average liveweight of hogs slaughtered was 258 pounds, 4 pounds below a year ago.

One hundred ***sheep*** and ***lambs*** were processed totaling 10,000 pounds liveweight. Average liveweight of sheep and lambs slaughtered was 142 pounds, down 5 pounds from a year earlier.

January - March red meat production was 1.3 million pounds, up 8 percent from last year.

UNITED STATES: Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.68 billion pounds in March, down 2 percent from the 3.76 billion pounds produced in March 2001.

Beef production, at 2.06 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.74 million head, down 6 percent from March 2001. The average liveweight was 1,241 pounds up 42 pounds from March a year ago.

Pork production totaled 1.58 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.98 million head, 4 percent below March 2001. The average liveweight was 267 pounds up 3 pounds from March a year ago.

Lamb and mutton production, at 22.3 million pounds, was down 5 percent from March 2001. Sheep slaughter totaled 324,500 head, 1 percent below last year. The average liveweight was 138 pounds, down 5 pounds from March a year ago.

January - March red meat production was 11.26 billion pounds, 1 percent above a year ago. Accumulated beef production was up 3 percent from last year, pork was down 1 percent, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, MARCH 2001 AND 2002, Wyoming and U.S.

SPECIES	WYOMING					UNITED STATES				
	Number of Head		Total Liveweight			Number of Head		Total Liveweight		
	Mar 2001	Mar 2002	Mar 2001	Mar 2002	% 02/01	Mar 2001	Mar 2002	Mar 2001	Mar 2002	% 02/01
			1,000 Pounds					**1,000 Pounds**		
Cattle	400	600	412	628	152	2,918,400	2,737,300	3,498,283	3,397,253	97
Hogs	300	300	88	68	77	8,329,100	7,981200	2,198,127	2,131,688	97
Sheep & Lambs	100	100	11	10	91	328,600	324,500	47,029	44,683	95

Projected Drop in U.S. Winter Wheat Production

Based on conditions around May 1, winter wheat production in Wyoming this year is expected to total 3.25 million bushels, up 13 percent from 2001. Production would still be 20 percent less than in 2000. The average yield per harvested acre is forecast at 25 bushels, up 1 bushel from 2001 and 2000. The total acreage expected to be harvested for winter wheat this year is 130,000 acres, up 10,000 acres from last year.

Wind and freeze damage to this year's winter wheat crop in Wyoming has been moderate to severe in most northeastern counties. Moisture supplies throughout the State have been well below the five-year averages.

United States: Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.30 billion bushels, down 4 percent from 2001 to the lowest level since 1978. Based on May 1 conditions, the U.S. yield is forecast at 43.1 bushels per acre, 0.4 bushels less than last year. Grain area totals 30.2 million acres, down 4 percent from last season. This is the smallest harvested acreage since 1917.

Hay Stocks Remain Low

Hay stocks on Wyoming farms and ranches totaled 180,000 tons as of May 1, 2002, up 19 percent from the same time last year but down 75 percent from the May 1, 2000 stocks. Small hay crops coupled with dry conditions limiting pasture and extending hay feeding periods have resulted in extremely low stocks over the past two years.

United States: Hay stocks on farms and ranches in the U.S. totaled 22.5 million tons as of May 1, up 7 percent from 2001 but 22 percent below May 1, 2000.

Winter Wheat, 2001 and May 1, 2002 Forecast, Selected States and U.S.

State	Acres Harvested		Yield per acre		Production		
	2001	Indicated 2002	2001	Indicated 2002	2001	Indicated 2002	% 2002/2001
	1,000		Bushels		1,000 Bushels		
WYOMING	**120**	**130**	**24.0**	**25.0**	**2,880**	**3,250**	**113**
Colorado	2,000	1,800	33.0	30.0	66,000	54,000	82
Kansas	8,200	8,000	40.0	37.0	328,000	296,000	90
Montana	870	1,000	22.0	28.0	19,140	28,000	146
Nebraska	1,600	1,600	37.0	36.0	59,200	57,600	97
Oklahoma	3,700	3,600	33.0	31.0	122,100	111,600	91
Texas	3,200	2,500	34.0	32.0	108,800	80,000	74
Washington	1,750	1,700	61.0	66.0	106,750	112,200	105
UNITED STATES	31,295	30,174	43.5	43.1	1,361,479	1,300,726	96